

Application No. 10/009,239  
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**Remarks:**

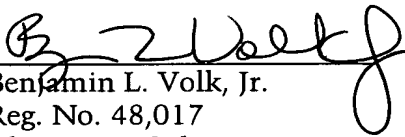
The Restriction Requirement dated March 21, 2006, requested the election of one of the following claim groups:

Group I: Claims 1-16 and 22-25, drawn to a subject matter of image compression employing lossless compression, classified in class 382, subclass 244.

Group II: Claims 17-21, drawn to subject matter of image decompression, classified in class 382, subclass 282.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I (claims 1-16 and 22-25) without traversal. Accordingly, claims 17-21 have been canceled from the application without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the claims 17-21 via a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,



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